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SUBJECT: RICHARDSON CASE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF NOTE NO. 11032
DATED JULY 27 AND RECEIVED THIS MORNING (JULY 28) WITH REGARD
TO THE SUPPOSED DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN, RONALD JAMES RICH-
ARDSON:

QTE MR. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES:

QTE IN REFERENCE TO THE NOTE OF YOUR EMBASSY NUMBERED
055 ADDRESSED TO THIS MINISTRY THE 2ND OF MARCH OF THIS
YEAR, I INFORM YOU THAT ON THE 4TH OF THE SAME MONTH
AND YEAR THE DENUNCIATION BEGIN BRACKETS CONTAINED IN THE EMBASSY'S
NOTE END BRACKETS WAS SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE
REPUBLIC FOR THE CORRESPONDING INVESTIGATION; AND NOT UNTIL
THIS DATE WAS THE NOTE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RECEIVED IN
THIS OFFICE, TRANSMITTING THE DOCUMENT ON THE INVESTIGATION
CARRIED OUT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

QTE I ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF BOTH DOCUMENTS AND
TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS MINISTRY
IS FULLY CONVINCED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC
TOOK ALL MEASURES IN HIS POWER TO CLARIFY THIS UNFORTUNATE
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MATTER AND THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LAWS
TO PLACE THIS INVESTIGATION UNDER ANY OF THE PENAL COURTS
OF THE REPUBLIC BECAUSE OF LACK OF CONCRETE PROOF IN THE CASE.
IN SPITE OF THE ABOVE, WE HAVE ASKED THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
TO APPLY THE PERTINENT ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS TO PERSONS
WHO THRU NEGLIGENCE OR IGNORANCE COULD HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE
FOR HAVING PERMITTED THAT A SITUATION OF DOUBT BE CREATED.

QTE I ASK YOU TO ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES FOR THIS INCIDENT AND TO BE ASSURED THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES AND PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID SITUATIONS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE GOOD RELATIONS WHICH TRADITIONALLY HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS.

QTE I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE ASSURANCES OF MY DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

QTE ALVARO ERNESTO MARTINEZ, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS UNQTE.

2. AT THE MOMENT THE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT WOULD BE MEANT BY QTE ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS UNQTE AGAINST PERSONS IN THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR WHO MIGHT HAVE CREATED A SITUATION OF DOUBT. WE INTEND TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

3. A PERUSAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONCLUSIONS ON THE CASE (WHICH WILL BE SENT BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM IN SPANISH) INDICATE A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND FROM THE MANAGER OF THE GRAND HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR WHERE RICHARDSON STAYED, AND THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED:

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1. RICHARDSON (AS PAUL ROBERTS) FALSIFIED HIS IDENTIFY AND HIS ORIGIN;

2. RICHARDSON (AS PAUL ROBERTS) LEFT SALVADORAN TERRITORY THE 25 OF SEPTEMBER 1976;

3. THAT THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT UNCOVER ANY PROOF OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF RICHARDSON (AS PAUL ROBERTS) WITHIN NATIONAL TERRITORY.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH HE CONSIDERED THE DENUNCIATION MADE BY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES STATED THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS INTENSIFIED AND EXHAUSTED WITH ALL POSSIBLE MEANS AND IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT NO CRIME WAS COMMITTED AGAINST THE PERSON OF PAUL ROBERTS WHILE HE WAS IN SALVADORAN NATIONAL TERRITORY, THUS THERE WAS NO LEGAL BASIS FOR INITIATING A CASE IN THE COURTS OF THE COUNTRY.

4. THE TEXT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE IS ALSO BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY IN SPANISH.

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